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Rutgers Bildner Center Launches Fall Programming with the Lecture
"When We were Partners: The Historical Foundations of Israel – Iran Relations"
on October 10

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – The historical basis of relations between Israel and Iran will be explored by Uri Bialer, the Maurice B. Hexter Chair in International Relations-Middle Eastern Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Lecture, presented by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers, will kick-off an exciting semester of public programming exploring Jewish history, politics, and culture, and including the eleventh annual Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival and the Israeli Authors Forum.

Bialer's lecture will be held on Sunday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m., in Trayes Hall, Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The talk is free and open to the public.

Uri Bialer has done extensive research in the area of foreign and defense policies of the state of Israel. In 1990, Cambridge University Press published his book, *Between East and West: Israel's Foreign Policy Orientation, 1948-1956*. His most recent book, *The Cross on the Star of David: the Christian World in Israel's Foreign Policy*, was published in 2005 by Indiana University Press.

For more information on the Bildner Center's programs, visit jewishstudies.rutgers.edu. Advance registration for the lecture is requested. To RSVP email csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or call 732-932-2033. The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life connects the university with the community through public lectures, symposia, Jewish communal initiatives, cultural events, and teacher training.